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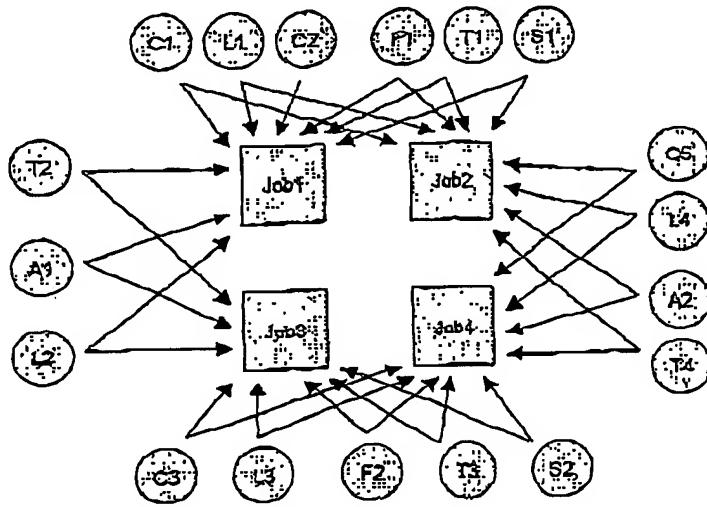
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(57) Abstract: A data handling system has a central server with a data store which is structured in accordance with a progressive transaction involving users working together. Users can access the server through read/write interfaces so that data relating to different stages of the transaction can be read from and written to the data store. Reading and writing of data is in accordance with defined access privileges of the users. In one embodiment the transaction constitutes forwarding of a freight consignment. In other embodiments the transaction constitutes a legal transaction, and a public construction project.